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PRESS ADVISORY

As of the third quarter the State parties and Legislative Leadership Committees have raised \$8.1 million and spent \$5 million, according to Jeff Brindle, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission.

The October 15 reports indicate that financial activity by the so-called "big six" committees have declined dramatically from four years ago, when there was a gubernatorial and Assembly contest.

Receipts by the "big six" decreased by 44 percent since 2005 while spending declined by 43 percent. Fundraising totaled \$14.5 million four years ago while spending amounted to \$8.6 million.

"We are witnessing the same pattern as displayed in the gubernatorial and Assembly contests," said Brindle. "The economy and the Pay-to-Play laws, which affect the big six committees, appear to be impacting financial activity."

"This reverses a trend of increased financial activity that has been apparent over the last two decades," said Brindle.

Brindle said that the Republican State Committee reported raising \$437,602 and spending \$289,221 compared with the Democratic State Committee, which has raised \$3.2 million and spent \$2.8 million thus far in 2009.

The four Legislative Leadership Committees have reported the following financial activity for 2009.

	Raised	Spent
Senate Republican Majority	\$621,677	\$103,593
Assembly Republican Victory	\$791,665	\$547,508
Senate Democratic Majority	\$1.2 Million	\$237,083
Democratic Assembly Campaign Committee	\$1.4 Million	\$1.1 Million

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The following chart indicates the change in financial activity among the big six committees between the third quarters 2005 and 2009.

RAISED

	2005	2009	% Change
Republican State Committee	\$1.4 Million	\$.4 Million	-71
Senate Republican Majority	\$.6 Million	\$.6 Million	--
Assembly Republican Victory	\$1.2 Million	\$.8 Million	-33
Subtotal (GOP)	\$3.2 Million	\$1.8 Million	-43
Democratic State Committee	\$4.7 Million	\$3.2 Million	-31
Senate Democratic Majority	\$1.9 Million	\$1.2 Million	-36
Democratic Assembly Campaign Committee	\$4.7 Million	\$1.9 Million	-59
Subtotal (Dem)	\$11.3 Million	\$6.3 Million	-44
TOTAL	\$14.5 Million	\$8.1 Million	-44

SPENT

	2005	2009	% Change
Republican State Committee	\$1.1 Million	\$.3 Million	-72
Senate Republican Majority	\$.2 Million	\$.1 Million	-50
Assembly Republican Victory	\$.6 Million	\$.5 Million	-16
Subtotal (GOP)	\$1.9 Million	\$.9 Million	-52
Democratic State Committee	\$3.2 Million	\$2.8 Million	-12
Senate Democratic Majority	\$.8 Million	\$.2 Million	-75
Democratic Assembly Campaign Committee	\$2.8 Million	\$1.1 Million	-60
Subtotal (Dem)	\$6.8 Million	\$4.1 Million	-39
TOTAL	\$8.7 Million	\$5 Million	-43

Brindle added that the State committees and Legislative Leadership Committees are required to report their financial activity to the Commission on a quarterly basis.

“As of this juncture,” said Brindle, “the three Democratic committees reported \$2.1 million still remaining while the three Republican committees reported cash-on-hand amounting to \$.9 million.

The reports are available on-line today at 10:00 a.m. on ELEC’s website at www.elec.state.nj.us.